

Saxons seeded fourth at Empire 8 softball championship tournament

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ITHACA, NY - The Alfred University softball team is seeded fourth at next weekend's Empire 8 Conference championship tournament and will take on top-seeded Ithaca in a first-round game Friday, April 4. The winner of the four-team double-elimination tournament - held Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5 - earns the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament. Ithaca, with a 12-0 conference record, is the Empire 8 regular season champ and tournament host. St. John Fisher (8-4 in conference games), is the second seed. Stevens and Alfred each finished with 7-5 conference records, but Stevens earned the third seed by virtue of its doubleheader sweep of the Saxons in the regular season finale Sunday. St. John Fisher and Stevens open the tournament at 10 a.m. Friday; Alfred plays Ithaca at noon. If Alfred defeats Ithaca - the Bombers swept the Saxons in a doubleheader April 25 - AU would play the winner of the Fisher-Stevens game on Saturday at a time to be announced. If the Saxons lose to Ithaca, they will take on the loser of the Fisher-Stevens game at 2 p.m. Friday, with the loser of that game eliminated. Following is the full tournament schedule: GAME 1: No. 2 St. John Fisher vs. No. 3 Stevens, 12 9.m., Friday, May 4. GAME 2: No. 1 Ithaca vs. No. 4 Alfred, 2 p.m., Friday, May 4. GAME 3: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 4 p.m., Friday, May 4 (loser eliminated). GAME 4: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, TBA, Saturday, May 5. GAME 5: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBA, Saturday, May 5 (loser eliminated). GAME 6: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA. Saturday, May 5. GAME 7 (if necessary): TBA, Saturday, May 5.